



**PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Henry Palladino *et al.*

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER
37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)**

SIR:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 be extended for a period of THREE (3) months from December 25, 2003 to and including March 25, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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